

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**XIZHI LI,**

**Defendant**

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**CASE NO. 1:19-CR-334-01  
(Judge Brinkema)**

**COUNSEL'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW**

COMES NOW the defendant, Xizhi Li, by Gregory B. English, his retained counsel, and hereby requests permission of this court for his attorney to withdraw from this case. In a telephone conversation with the defendant on October 22, 2021 Mr. Li directed counsel to file this motion to withdraw by stating that he had lost confidence in the undersigned counsel and that the relationship was irretrievably broken. He asks that this court appoint new counsel. We ask this court to schedule this motion for a hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 9 a.m. which is the time currently scheduled for sentencing in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 22nd day of October, 2021 a true copy of the foregoing pleading was filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the following CM/ECF user(s):

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